Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the items of work completed?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether all works entrusted to the Panchayat will be completed during this year?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I think so.

President.—Attempts will be made to complete the works during this year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What was the reason for the delay in publishing the names of the nominated members?

President.—They are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the names of the nominated members been sent up to the Government?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When were they submitted?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—On 3rd Meenam 1104.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Who is exercising the Civil Jurisdiction of the Panchayat now?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—None

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How should the people of these villages do the work allotted to that Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Matters will have to lie over till the formation of the new Panchayat.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If there are disputes in the Panchayat, has not the Government power to substitute some one in the Panchayat as they have done in the Municipal Council in Cochin?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—So far as I am aware, Government have no such powers under the Panchayat Regulation.

Akkikavu—Palanji road.

532. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what steps have been taken since the last meeting (held in December, 1928) of the Legislative Council to repair the Akkikkavu-Palanji road ;

(b) when will the work be completed according to the present arrangement;

(c) how many months have elapsed since the amount necessary for this work has been sanctioned by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The original contract was cancelled and the Chief Engineer asked to make arrangements for the completion of the work otherwise.

(b) It is hoped to be completed by the end of this year.

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(c) The work should have been completed by January 1929.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sub-division (c), the question has not been answered.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work is sanctioned in the 1103 budget.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What action has been taken by the Government against the contractor who did not execute the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Refer to answer to sub-division (a).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The original contract was cancelled. That is all what is given. Has any other action been taken by the Government since this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work was given on contract to another.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—No action was taken against the previous contractor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In such cases the loss which the Government will sustain on account of the transfer of the work will have to be recovered from the original contractor. That is only after the work is finished.

President.—And the amount has been recovered.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The contractor was fined on account of the slow progress in the work. But that was not all. If the Government loses any money on account of the transfer of the contract, that money will have to be recovered from the original contractor.

President.—Not exactly transfer. The work was given to somebody else. If the Government sustains a loss, the original contractor will be held liable.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Pulaya Colony at Palanji.

533. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what steps have been taken by Government in 1104 for opening a Pulaya Colony at Palanji;

(b) whether the site for the Colony has been selected?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The suggested opening of the Colony at Palanji had to be given up for want of suitable *poramboke* land in the village. Government intend to establish one instead in the neighbouring village of Mangad.

(b) No answer necessary in view of the above.

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